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1. APPRECIATE RESPONSE REFS A AND B WHICH BRING AGREEMENT CLOSER. FOLLOWING ARE OUR THOUGHTS ON GOJ POSITION.

2. PREAMBLE: WE CONTINUE TO PREFER SEPARATE PARAGRAPH AS OUTLINED IN REF A. AS SECOND CHOICE WE BELIEVE PHRASE QUOTE STABLE SUPPLY OF ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND ENERGY SOURCES UNQUOTE TO BE ACCEPTABLE. WE WOULD ALSO BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WILLING TO ACCEPT THE PHRASE QUOTE IN AN ENVIRONMENTALLY

SOUND MANNER UNQUOTE TO BE INSERTED AFTER QUOTE MEET UNQUOTE IN THE FIRST PARAGRAPH OF PREAMBLE. EMBASSY AUTHORIZED TO AGREE TO MOST APPROPRIATE WORDING.

3. ARTICLE III. APPRECIATE GOJ RESPONSE RE FUEL CELLS AND STORAGE BATTERIES. WE RELUCTANTLY ACCEPT GOJ DECISION TO DROP QUOTE ADVANCED POWER GENERATING SYSTEMS IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE AGREEMENT, BUT HOPE SPECIFIC PROJECTS IN THIS AREA MAY BE DEVELOPED LATER UNDER PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE III, THE LAST ITEM ON QUOTE OTHER AREAS...UNQUOTE. STICKING POINT IS NOW QUOTE ADVANCED PROPULSION SYSTEMS UNQUOTE. US DOT'S INVOLVEMENT IN THIS FIELD IS PRIMARILY SOFTWARE (I.E., TECHNOLOGY AND HIGHWAY VEHICLES SYSTEMS

ASSESSMENT). DOT ASSUMES GOJ INTEREST IS IN HARDWARE R&D. THEREFORE, DOT SKEPTICAL OF COMPATIBILITY OF RESEARCH PROGRAMS OF THE TWO SIDES, BUT WOULD APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION AS TO WHAT GOJ MEANS BY THIS TERM. DOT ADVISES, HOWEVER, THAT IT IS FLEXIBLE AND WELCOMES CO-OPERATION WITH ITS COUNTERPART IN THE GOJ (THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION) IN THE ENERGY FIELD. BUT DOT ALSO POINTS OUT THAT ENERGY CONSERVATION UNDER WHICH CERTAIN ADVANCED PROPULSION WORK COULD TAKE PLACE, HAS ALREADY BEEN INCLUDED AS SUBJECT FOR DISCUSSION AT SEVENTH U.S.-JAPAN TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH PANEL MEETING IN WASHINGTON, JUNE 10 AND 11, 1974 (MCRORY HAS DETAILS). FYI: US EPA ALSO INTERESTED IN CLARIFICATION WHAT GOJ MEANS BY QUOTE ADVANCED PROPULSION SYSTEMS.GOJ, FOR EXAMPLE, REJECTED QUOTE LOW POLLUTION POWER SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT (LPPSD) UNQUOTE IN NEGOTIATIONS ON ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT. END FYI.

4. ARTICLE VI. WE ACCEPT GOJ POINT THAT PHRASE QUOTE AND SHALL BE CONSISTENT WITH INTERNAL LAW AND THE POLICIES OF THE APPROPRIATE AGENCIES UNQUOTE COULD BE CONSTRUED AS REDUNDANT TO ARTICLE VIII. WORDING WAS SUGGESTED MERELY TO EASE GOJ FEARS THAT DIFFERING PATENT LAWS AND AGENCY REGULATIONS IN EACH COUNTRY (AS REPORTED REF C, PARA 5) MIGHT MAKE SUBSIDIARY AGENCY-TO-AGENCY AGREEMENTS DIFFICULT TO REACH. WE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THEREFORE AGREE TO ITS DELETION IN ARTICLE VI, AND ARE CONTENT WITH PRESENT LANGUAGE ARTICLE VIII AS ADEQUATELY PROTECTING THE INTERESTS OF EACH SIDE.

5. WE APPRECIATE MANNER IN WHICH EMBASSY HANDLED QUESTION OF MANNER OF FORMAL CONCLUSION OF AGREEMENT (REPORTED REF A, PARA 3). WE BELIEVE AGREEMENT SHOULD BE CONCLUDED AS SOON AS TEXTUAL DIFFERENCES IRONED OUT. WE

WOULD APPRECIATE OFFICIAL GOJ RESPONSE TO POINTS RAISED
THIS MESSAGE. ONCE COMPLETE TEXTUAL AGREEMENT IS REACHED,
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